

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-3, 7,9 and 12 are pending. **Claim**

Rejections -35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 12 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Batton , US Patent No. 4,164,822 (“the Batton patent”)in view of Modia US Patent No. 4,335,421 (“the Modia patent”) and further in view of Yamaguchi et al US patent 4,895,231 (“the Yamaguchi et al patent”). It is respectfully requested that the claims , as amended, recite subject matter not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. In particular, Claims 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 have been amended to recite a film grip assembly that is electrically interlocked with the automatic control circuit in a safe manner and which does not require relatively precise alignment of the film with the film grip assembly. Claim 12 recites the use an optical switch for actuating the automatic control circuit. As will be discussed below, none of the references of record disclose or suggest a film viewer as recited in the claims at issue.

In particular, the device disclosed in the Batton patent can only operate with films that have conductive electrical strip 30 (Batton Fig. 1 and 10) on one end. Such a configuration poses various problems. First, the configuration poses an personnel hazard by having a conductive electrical circuit exposed to personnel. The Examiner will kindly note Fig. 1 which illustrates the exposed clip 26, which is current carrying when the device is on. Second, as best shown in Fig. 10 of the Batton patent, the contacts 26 and 28 form a spring clip. In time the tension in the spring will relax, possibly causing arcing which adds to the safety hazard. Third, the conductive strip 30 (Fig. 1, the Batton patent) requires relatively precise alignment of the film with the clips 26 and 38.

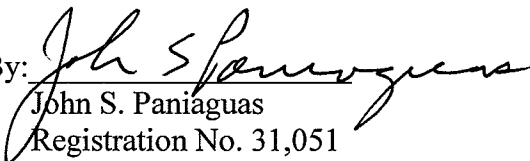
It is also respectfully submitted that the Batton patent has been mischaracterized in

paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action. In particular, indices that the element 26 is a photo-sensor and is used to turn the lamp on and off. Actually, the element 26 is an electrode. The Examiner's attention is directed to Figs 1 and 10 of the Batton patent. The Batton patent does not otherwise disclose a photo-sensor. Moreover, as clearly indicated in Fig. 1, the device disclosed in the Batton patent is not configured as a clipboard. The Modia and Yamaguchi patents likewise do not disclose a film grip assembly or a configuration in the shape of a clipboard. For all of the above reasons. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 12

Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over the Batton , Modia and Yamaguchi et al patents and further in view of Pokrinchak US Patent No. 4,510,708 ("the Pokrinchak patent"). Claim 9 is dependent upon claim 1. The Batton , Modia and Yamaguchi et al patents have been discussed above. . The Pokrinchak patent also does not disclose a film grip assembly For these reasons and the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 9.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

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